

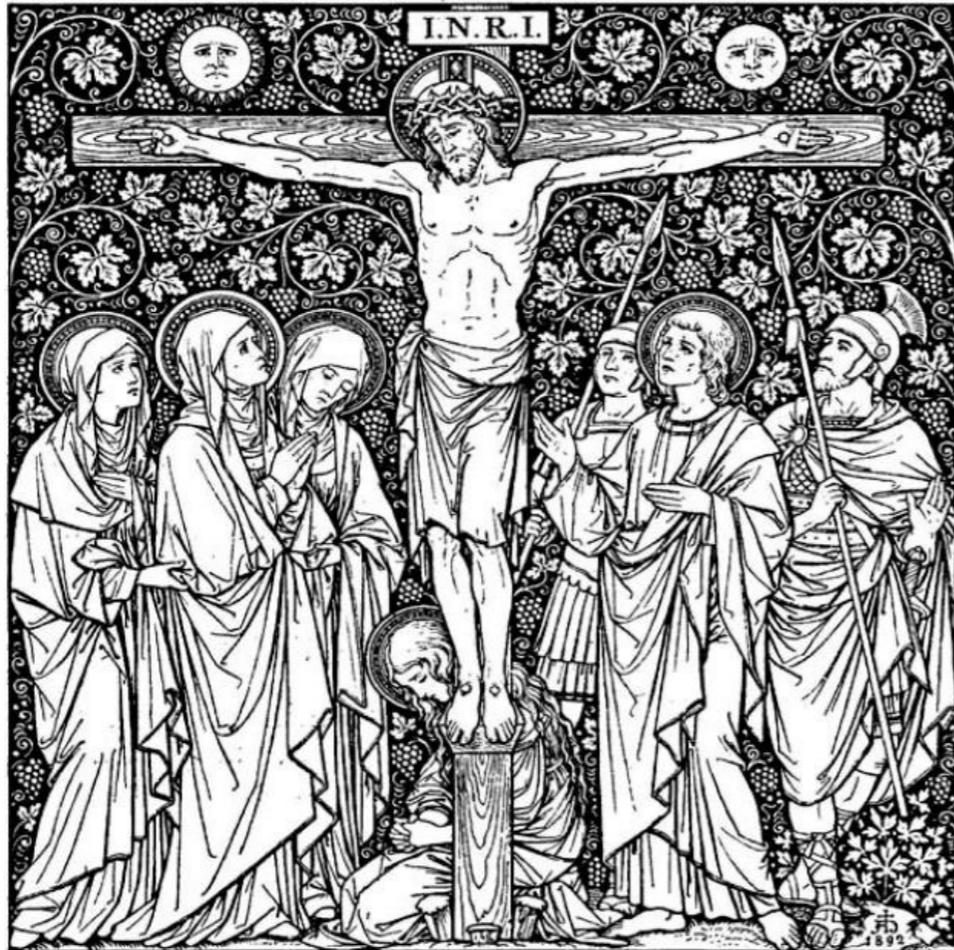


CHRIST CHURCH

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12:00 P. M.

*The Solemn Liturgy
Good Friday
April 2, 2021*



The Good Friday liturgy is the First part of the Triduum (the sacred three days). This most solemn of all days is appropriately marked by fasting, abstinence, and penitence, leading us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his cross. Some churches do not use musical instruments or bells on this day. The church is often darkened. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the cross. The faithful are reminded of the role which their own sin played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(All stand during the silent entrance of Ministers)

Opening Acclamation

All standing, the Officiant says

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,

People *And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever, and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

52:13. Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. **14.** As many were astonished at you-- his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind--**15.** so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

53:1. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? **2.** For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. **3.** He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **4.** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **5.** But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. **6.** All we like sheep

have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **7.** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. **8.** By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? **9.** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. **10.** Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. **11.** Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. **12.** Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 40:1-16

1. I waited patiently for the Lord, *
and he inclined to me, and heard my call.
2. He brought me out of the horrible pit, out of the mire
and clay; *
he set my feet upon the rock, and secured my footing.
3. He has put a new song in my mouth, *
a song of thanksgiving unto our God.
4. Many shall see and fear, *
and shall put their trust in the Lord.
5. Blessed is the man who has set his hope in the Lord, *
*and has not turned to the proud, or to those
who go about lying.*
6. O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which you
have done, and also your thoughts toward us; *
there is none who can be compared with you.
7. If I should declare them and speak of them, *
they would be more than I am able to express.
8. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, *
but my ears you have opened.
9. Burnt offerings and sin offerings you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come;
10. In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I delight
to do your will, O my God; *
indeed your law is within my heart."

11. I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; *
*behold, I will not restrain my lips, O Lord, and that
you know.*
12. I have not hidden your righteousness within my heart; *
my talk has been of your truth and of your salvation.
13. I have not concealed your loving mercy and truth *
from the great congregation.
14. Withdraw not your mercy from me, O Lord; *
let your loving-kindness and your truth always preserve me.

Epistle

Hebrews 10:1-25

1. For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. 2. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? 3. But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; 6. in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. 7. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" 8. When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), 9. then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

10. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **11.** And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **12.** But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, **13.** waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. **14.** For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. **15.** And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, **16.** "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," **17.** then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." **18.** Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. **19.** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, **20.** by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, **21.** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22.** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **23.** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. **24.** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25.** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 19:1-37

The congregation may sit until the mention of "Golgotha," at which time the congregation is requested to stand.

Congregation may respond with lines marked "Crowd."

Evangelist **1.** Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. **2.** And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. **3.** They came up to him, saying,

Soldiers: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Evangelist: and struck him with their hands. **4.** Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him."

Evangelist: **5.** So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Behold the man!"

Evangelist: **6.** When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

Chief

Priests: "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Evangelist: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."

Evangelist: **7.** The Jews answered him,

Chief

Priests: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God."

Evangelist: **8.** When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. **9.** He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

Pilate: "Where are you from?"

Evangelist: But Jesus gave him no answer. **10.** So Pilate said to him,

Pilate: "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?"

Evangelist: **11.** Jesus answered him,

Jesus: "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

Evangelist: **12.** From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Chief

Priests: "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

Evangelist: **13.** So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. **14.** Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

Pilate: "Behold your King!"

Evangelist: **15.** They cried out,

Chief

Priests: "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"

Evangelist: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Shall I crucify your King?"

Evangelist: The chief priests answered,

Chief

Priests: "We have no king but Caesar."

Evangelist: **16.** So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, **17.** and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

(Congregation stands)

18. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. **19.** Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." **20.** Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. **21.** So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Chief

Priests: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

Evangelist: **22.** Pilate answered,

Pilate: "What I have written I have written."

Evangelist: **23.** When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, **24.** so they said to one another,

Soldiers: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.

Evangelist: This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, **25.** but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26.** When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,

Jesus: "Woman, behold, your son!"

Evangelist: **27.** Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: "Behold, your mother!"

Evangelist: And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. **28.** After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said to fulfill the Scripture,

Jesus: "I thirst."

Evangelist: **29.** A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. **30.** When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,

Jesus: "It is finished,"

Evangelist: and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(Silence will be observed)

31. Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath for that Sabbath was a high day, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. **32.** So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of

the other who had been crucified with him. **33.** But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. **34.** But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. **35.** He who saw it has borne witness--his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth--that you also may believe. **36.** For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." **37.** And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

Homily

The Rt. Rev'd John E. Miller, III

The Solemn Collects

Officiant

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The Church

Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divine subjection all powers and principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God.

Silence

Almighty Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth, with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. *Amen.*

Archbishop and Bishop

Let us pray for Neil our Bishop and for Foley our Archbishop: that the Lord our God, who has appointed them to this office, may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God's holy people.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholds all things both in heaven and on earth: as you have appointed these your servants to be our Bishops, so also defend them by your mercy against all adversities; that we, acknowledging you as the great Shepherd and Overseer of our

souls, may so prosper by their care that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Clergy

Let us pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and for all God's holy People.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

President and Civic Leaders

Let us pray for Joe our President and for all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we, remembering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them in accordance with God's holy Word.

Silence

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and whose power is infinite: We commend our nation to your merciful care, that being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our President, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know

and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Baptismal Candidates

Let us pray for those who are preparing for Holy Baptism that the Lord our God may open their hearts to his grace and mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, you multiply your Church in every generation: Grant the gifts of faith and understanding to those being instructed in your holy Word; that being washed in the waters of Baptism, they may be born again and numbered among your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Deliverance from Evil

Let us pray to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; deliver it from pestilence and famine; set free those who are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring those who travel to a haven of safety.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God's Truth

Let us pray for all who are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrine, and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Silence

O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Jewish People

Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them, and that they may come to know Jesus as the Messiah, and as the Lord of all.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the people through whom you brought blessing to the world may also receive the blessing of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Unbelievers

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Commitment to God

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Veneration of the Cross

(After the Crucifix is unveiled, all are invited to come forward to make an individual reverence)

Celebrant Behold the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the world's Salvation.

People *O come, let us adore him.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, Cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(The procession will leave in silence)

Worship Team

Ushers: Jim Reamy, III, Fred Malik, Chuck Shippee, Walt Nelson
EMs: Letty Hurst, John Hurst
Altar Guild: Andrea Royce, Mary Earman, Sherry Shipley
Greeters: Andy and Sandy Bowler

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Lord, Savior and Chief Shepherd Jesus Christ

Ministers Every Member of Christ Church

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